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1. THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE CURRENT VISIT OF A GOL GOOD-WILL DELEGATION TO PEKING WAS ISSUED BY THE OFFICIAL GOL NEWS SERVICE JANUARY 14:

2. BEGIN TEXT: CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER HUA FETES LIBERIAN GOODWILL DELEGATION IN PEKING.

MONROVIA: CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA HELD A BANQUET IN PEKING TUESDAY NIGHT TO WELCOME THE LIBERIAN GOODWILL DELEGATION HEADED BY MONTSERRADO COUNTY REPRENTATIVE, A. BENEDICT TOLBERT.
ACCORDING TO AN AFP REPORT, THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER AND ADOLPHUS BENEDICT TOLBERT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE STRENGTHENED AND DEVELOPED.
SPEAKING AT THE BANQUET, MR. TOLBERT, CHAIRMAN OF LIBERIA'S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SAID THAT OVER THE YEARS, LIBERIA HAD FOLLOWED WITH KEEN INTEREST AND
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APPRECIATION, THE MANY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CHINA AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE TO THE AFRICAN LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY OF A NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES.

HE SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF CHINA AND LIBERIA HAD ALWAYS SYMPATHIZED WITH AN SUPPORTED EACH OTHER IN THE COMMON STRUGGLE.

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MR. TOLBERT SAID THAT THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WAS OPTIMISTIC AS PEOPLE ON THE THIRD WORLD HAD IDENTIFIED MOST OF THEIR PROBLEMS AND, IN A CONCERTED WAY, WERE COMMITTED TO FINDING THOSE SOLUTIONS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER THAT IS MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE.

" PRESIDENT TOLBERT IS DETERMINED TO PURSUE AN INDEPENDENT POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF COMITY, NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES AND THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE OF FREEDOM," A.B. TOLBERT TOLD THE CHINESE OFFICIALS.

HE ALSO RE-AFFIRMED THE SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES OF THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE FOR THE PASSING AWAY OF CHINESE PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG AS EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE.

MR. HUA, IN RESPONSE, SAID THAT THE CURRENT VISIT BY THE LIBERIAN DELEGATION WOULD BE A BENEFICIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

HE PRAISED THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT FOR HAVING SUPPORTTED THE AFRICAN NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM.

SPEAKING ON THE SITUATION IN AFRICA, MINISTER HUA SAID:
"WE ARE SURE THE AFRICAN PEOPLE WILL FRUSTRATE SUPER-POWER
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INTERFERENCE AND AGGRESSION AND EVENTUALLY WIN THE COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE AND LIBERATION OF THE ENTIRE AFRICAN CONTINENT SO LONG AS THEY HEIGTHTEN THEIR VIGILANCE, STRENGTHEN THEIR UNITY AND PERSEVERANCE IN THEIR STRUGGLE."

ATTENDING THE BANQUET WERE HO YING, VICE-FOREIGN MINISTER CHEN MU-HUA, VICE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, AND LEADING MEMBERS OF DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED. END TEXT.
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